

Dear Senator Slossberg and Rep. Morin,

Thank you for raising the Polling Places for Primaries bill. I have a couple of concerns about the way the bill is currently written. Most importantly, a **population cutoff of just 20,000** is written into the language. **This would exclude Simsbury, Wethersfield, Torrington, Ridgefield, Westport, and North Haven**—all towns that are looking for this bill to pass! When this has been discussed in previous sessions, a 60,000 number has been used. As far as I know, this number satisfies the larger cities that are concerned that the bill would not work for them.

Also, in order for this bill to allow us to apply the changes to the Republican Presidential Preference Primary on April 24, the bill would have to be signed no later than the first week of March (very wishful thinking, I know!).

I look forward to testifying at public hearing. I wanted to make you aware of these issues.

[http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?selBillType=Bill&bill\\_num=SB00218&which\\_year=2012](http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?selBillType=Bill&bill_num=SB00218&which_year=2012)

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